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TO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE  
INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ESTC, EFIN

SUBJECT: VIETNAM EMBARGO: REQUEST FOR COMMERCIAL INFORMATION

1. AMCONGEN HONG KONG RECENTLY ADVISED THAT MR. WONG WENG-SENG, AKA ENG SENG, REPRESENTING THE UNION ALLOY COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS PTE. LTD., IN SINGAPORE, INTENDED TO PURCHASE CHEMICALS FROM THE U.S. ON BEHALF OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. PURCHASE OF U.S. GOODS AND THE UNLICENSED RESALE TO VIETNAM THROUGH A THIRD COUNTRY WOULD VIOLATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE REGULATIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF EXPORT ADMINISTRATION.

2. TREASURY'S INTEREST IN WONG AND/OR HIS FIRM LIES IN THE ALLEGATION THAT HE INTENDS TO PURCHASE "...ON BEHALF OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT." UNDER THE FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS, WONG AND HIS FIRM COULD BE DEEMED DESIGNATED NATIONALS OF VIET-NAM BY BEING OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY VIET-UNCLASSIFIED

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NAM OR NATIONALS THEREOF SINCE MAY 5, 1964 (NORTH VIET-NAM) OR APRIL 30, 1975 (SOUTH VIET-NAM) OR BY ACTING AS AN AGENT FOR VIET-NAM.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN COMMERCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING WONG AND HIS FIRM TO PERMIT

TREASURY TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER EITHER OR BOTH SHOULD BE  
REGARDED AS DESIGNATED NATIONALS. IF POSSIBLE, EMBASSY IS  
ALSO REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER WONG HAS, SINCE THE  
ABOVE EFFECTIVE DATES, VISITED EITHER NORTH OR SOUTH VIET-  
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